

(5) The term “Tissue Bank” means the National Marine Tissue Bank provided for under section 1421f(a) of this title.

(6) The term “unusual mortality event” means a stranding that—

- (A) is unexpected;
- (B) involves a significant die-off of any marine mammal population; and
- (C) demands immediate response.

(Pub. L. 92-522, title IV, § 410, formerly title III, § 309, as added Pub. L. 102-587, title III, § 3003(a), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5066; renumbered title IV, § 409, and amended Pub. L. 103-238, § 24(b), (c)(7), (8), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 565, 566; renumbered § 410, Pub. L. 106-555, title II, § 202(a)(1), Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2767.)

#### AMENDMENTS

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#### CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 1445c-1, 6406, 6409 of this title.

### § 1431. Findings, purposes, and policies; establishment of system

#### (a) Findings

The Congress finds that—